



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2017

Connecticut Department of Agriculture
450 Columbus Blvd.
Hartford, CT 06106

I. CONVENE MEETING

Chairman Reviczky called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15 p.m. Also in attendance were council members Henry Talmage, Jason Hoagland, Kevin Sullivan and Cameron Faustman.

Council members Allyn Brown, III, Shelly Oechsler, Jamie Jones, Michael Keilty, James Guida, George Hindinger and Herb Holden, Jr. were absent.

Staff from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture also were present.

II. REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Chairman Reviczky gave an update on the state's budget situation and potential associated impact on the agency and the Council's recommendations. He also gave an overview of various legislative bills affecting agriculture that were approved in the 2017 session of the Connecticut General Assembly.

III. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: INITIATIVES/ISSUES

Chairman Reviczky led a discussion on a range of agricultural issues, including:

- Legislation passed by the General Assembly in May 2017 to make agriculture a consideration by the Connecticut Siting Council in whether to approve solar energy projects on farmland.
- How the state's economic climate is affecting agriculture, especially in the dairy, greenhouse and tobacco sectors and on fruit and vegetable growers.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at approximately 3 p.m.

VI. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING(S)

The council is next scheduled to meet on Oct. 3, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Jensen
July 21, 2017